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FORMER MAYOR AND WIFE HONORED BY RECEPTION

Princess Theatre is Scene of Gaiety Saturday Night—Gold Watch and Silver Set Presented to Departing Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Leave for New Home Thursday Morning.

The largest reception ever held in Clifton in honor of a departing citizen was that of Saturday night at the Princess Theatre when the auditorium was packed with hundreds of friends who had assembled for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fraser, and also to present them with handsome remembrances in recognition of their friendship and good will toward the departing guests.

Adams' orchestra opened the program with a selection after which Mr. Fraser was escorted to the stage amid generous applause. His appearance was followed shortly by Mrs. Fraser who was also heartily received and they took their places in the center of the stage. Several of the old time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser attended them on the stage during the presentation ceremonies. Dr. L. A. W. Burch, in behalf of the committee in charge of affairs, in his usual happy manner introduced Hon. John Christy, who made the presentation speech. In introducing the principal speaker of the evening Dr. Burch prefaced his remarks by saying that he felt this honor should have been delegated to one who was himself an old timer and that although he had known several of the old timers whose names he mentioned since they were knee pants, he felt that on this occasion he could not do the subject justice. However, the reception of his remarks by the large audience proved otherwise.

Mr. John Christy, in opening his remarks, said: "No eloquence nor words of speech are needed at this time to attest to the esteem in which the guests of honor are held. This large and representative gathering of Clifton's citizens attests to the fact more strongly than words can tell." Mr. Christy's speech was full of humor and pathos and in closing he stated that when the history of Clifton was written the first page would be devoted to Mr. Fraser as one of its foremost citizens and that those who were there assembled to do the departing guests honor would always remember them with gratitude and affection, and he was confident that the successes of Mr. Fraser in his new field of work would overshadow those he attained in Clifton. Mr. Christy concluded by presenting Mr. Fraser with a beautifully engraved gold watch and to Mrs. Fraser was tendered a handsome silver tea set, these being the gifts contributed by hundreds of their loyal Clifton friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser both feelingly responded to the tribute and assured their friends that they would ever hold their friendship at its true worth and that in their far away home they would often think of these friends with love and appreciation. After a short reception dancing was enjoyed by those present, the music being furnished by Adams orchestra.

Mr. Fraser was one of the oldest men in point of service with the Arizona Copper company, having come to Clifton from Motherwell, Scotland, June 18, 1884, and taking a position with the company and being in their service continuously for 32 years. Prior to coming to Clifton he spent a few months in Wyoming. In the early days life was not all rosy. He tells of various conflicts with the Indians and of how the section men on the A. & N. M. railway were at times attacked by them and were compelled to work with rifles ready at hand.

Mr. Fraser built the first blower room at the old smelter which was in charge of Emil Schuman at that time. This plant was run by a water turbine and at times when the river was low much difficulty was experienced in keeping the machinery in motion. Later he had charge of the machinery as repair man and held this position for ten years, from 1884 to 1894. At this time nothing but black copper was made as there was no converter plant and much of the copper values were not saved, however, in recent years the old slag dumps have been excavated and these rich values have been redeemed. The converter plant was built in 1901 and was in charge of Phil Heir as foreman. Mr. Fraser was in charge of the converter plant as general foreman for six years. At this time the smelter had no superintendent but was under the supervision of the general manager who acted also as superintendent of the smelting department. In 1907 Mr. Fraser assumed the position of superintendent which office he held until the old smelter was closed in December, 1913. Upon the building of the new smelter he became general foreman of repairs and had charge of the excavation work at the old plant. This position he held until the first of the present year when at the conclusion of the long strike he was placed in charge of the employment bureau of the Arizona Copper Company, Ltd.

In the civic life of the community Mr. Fraser always took an active part and upon the incorporation of the Town of Clifton he was elected its first mayor which office he held continuously for seven years, retiring from public service the first of this

COLUMBUS, N. M., AFTER THE RAID BY VILLA



In the immediate foreground are the ruins of the Commercial hotel in which six Americans were killed and their bodies burned. On the right a soldier is seen on guard.

WOMEN ORGANIZE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Women of Clifton Meet at Town Hall Tuesday Evening and Perfect an Organization—Elect Officers and Appoint Committee.

For the purpose of organizing a Democratic Club a number of the women of Clifton met at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The women are taking an active interest in the coming campaign and it is their intention to do all in their power to encourage the candidacy of the best available material for the county and precinct offices. To this end the organization of the Woman's Democratic Club was perfected and it is hoped that every woman voter in Clifton will join the Club and do their best to further the interests of their principles.

A feeling of good fellowship and a desire to co-operate with the men in the coming election permeated the meeting on Tuesday evening and it is probable that other clubs will be formed in the different county precincts. Meetings of the local club will be held at the Town Hall every other Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock and all women interested in the welfare of the county and in the election of the best possible candidates for the respective offices would do well to attend.

The members of the club will gladly listen to remarks from the various candidates who are running for office and in fact urge them to come in and tell what they stand for and what may be expected of them if elected. It is understood that there will be several women candidates for county offices this fall and with the solid support of the women voters behind them it is more than likely that the court house will be graced with women office holders after the first of the year.

The next meeting of the Clifton Woman's Democratic Club will be held on Wednesday, June 28. At the meeting last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. Pearl Hill; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell; Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Billingsley; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Reardon. A committee of affairs was appointed as follows: Mrs. Ruth G. Kelly, Mrs. Elizabeth Tappin, Mrs. Lizzy Awall. Plans are being perfected by this committee for a rousing big dance to be held at the Princess Theatre on the Fourth of July.

Valuable Premium Offered—

The Copper Era is offering a valuable premium to every housewife in Greenlee county. This is a kitchen set which consists of six pieces, kitchen cleaver, slicing knife, butcher knife, cook fork, pantry knife and paring knife. Every piece is made of the best material and is guaranteed for five years, the price of the set all over the country being \$3.50. All that is necessary to secure the set is to give your favorite contestant in the Copper Era Contest a paid in advance subscription for three years and the kitchen set is given free of charge. This is a good chance to help your favorite candidate and at the same time procure one of these handy sets without which no housewife considers her kitchen utensils complete.

month. He was always ready with a helping hand and words of advice in anything that pertained to the betterment of civic conditions and he is directly responsible for much of the good that has been accomplished along these lines in the past few years. He was also active in lodge work and his presence in these assemblies will be sadly missed. He was never known to shirk an obligation or duty which had to do with the advancement and welfare of the orders to which he belonged and his faithful work among them in Clifton will endure so long as the orders themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser left Clifton on Thursday morning for New York City from which place they will sail on July 6th for Tucacas, Venezuela. From this place they journey inland about 50 miles to Aroa where Mr. Fraser will be in charge of the smelter of the American Copper Syndicate, Ltd., as superintendent. That they may be prosperous and contented in their new field of endeavor is the wish of their Clifton friends.

MANY ARRESTS OF BOOTLEGGERS

Many Cases of Contraband Booze Confiscated During Past Week—Rounding Up Violators of the Law

In pursuit of the fickle goddess of fortune, as represented by the illicit sale of booze, a number of arrests have been made this week of violators of the prohibition law who believe in the get-rich-quick method of doing business. Deputy sheriffs have been on the watch for suspected parties for some time but until this week the offenders have been able to escape their vigilance but ultimately the long hand of the law has apprehended them with the goods.

On Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock Leonard Smith was arrested by the officers in Ward's Canyon after giving them a merry chase. He left Lordsburg in the early morning according to the officers with ten cases of whiskey and a suit case full of beer. Court on at Franklin his machine was pulled across the river by a farmer. Near Duncan while on his way to Clifton he stopped for a short time and sold some of the liquor to a couple of boys. The officers were apprised of his presence in that vicinity and at once got on his trail, giving chase in an automobile. The officers made a record trip to Ward's Canyon from Duncan and here Smith was caught unloading the booze into a cache for safe keeping. He was arrested and brought to Clifton where his hearing was held before Justice McWilliams on Wednesday. He was bound over to the Superior Court on a \$300 bond which was furnished.

Monday night near York a Mexican woman by the name of Consuela Sabalzo was arrested with four cases of whiskey which she had concealed in the bottom of a wagon covered with hay. She was on her way to Clifton with the booze when caught. Her preliminary examination was held before Justice Bullard and her bond was placed at \$500 which she furnished.

A car from the lower valley was caught Sunday morning about 4 o'clock when D. T. Motes, the driver, and Phil Rapier, who was in charge of the goods, were arrested. These men had in their possession seven cases of whiskey and a suit case full of beer. Rapier had his hearing before Justice Bullard Wednesday morning and he furnished a bond of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior court.

Pat Malone was arrested at his room in Clifton Monday night with two suit cases of liquor in his possession. The arrest was made by Constable Bradberry. Malone was confined in the county jail and had his preliminary hearing Wednesday before Justice McWilliams at which time he was bound over to the Superior Court in the sum of \$500. Cash bail was furnished.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Marriage licenses were issued to Agapito Cano and Luz Fierro, R. C. O'Dell and Norah Spaw, Jose Gonzales and Andrea Dominguez.

Two divorce suits were filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court entitled, Maud Lehman vs. Carl E. Lehman and Santiago Aguilar vs. Francisca Aguilar.

The \$25,000 damage suit brought by Richard Young as administrator of the estate of John Carver, against the town of Clifton, was dismissed on motion of defendant for lack of prosecution.

Judgment was granted in favor of the Gila Valley Bank & Trust Co. against W. F. McCulloch and J. A. Townsend on a note for \$200.

O'Dell-Spaw—

On last Friday evening occurred the marriage of R. C. O'Dell and Norah Spaw, the ceremony being performed in South Clifton by the Rev. Sawyer of the Methodist church. The wedding ceremony was witnessed by only a few close friends and relatives of the couple. The bridegroom is employed by the A. C. company and is well and favorably known, while the bride has spent the greater portion of her life in Clifton being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith. The Era joins in extending congratulations.

DUNCAN MERCHANT INSTANTLY KILLED

Overturned Auto Causes Death of W. M. Clark, of Duncan—Others Injured.

Duncan, June 15.—The people of Duncan were shocked on Sunday morning to learn that William M. Clark, a local merchant, met instant death in an automobile accident, which occurred that morning at about 4 o'clock. The accident happened on the Duncan-Lordsburg road at a point between the Burton place and the railroad crossing, a short distance south of town. Mr. Clark was a member of an auto party which had been to Lordsburg Saturday night and were on their return trip.

The car is said to have been traveling at a speed of about 30 or 35 miles an hour when for some unknown reason it left the road and overturned, pinning the unfortunate man beneath. When the car was raised it was found that Mr. Clark was dead, and, judging from his injuries, death must have been instantaneous, as the frame of the windshield had passed entirely through his body.

The members of the party included William Brooks, owner of the car, who was driving it at the time of the accident, Sherman Stewart and James Carter, all of Duncan. When the car left the road it struck a corrugated iron culvert and turned completely in the air and landed some distance away bottom side up. Carter was thrown out over the back of the machine, while the other members of the party were caught beneath the car. Carter went to the assistance of his friends and succeeded in extricating the back of the car and was endeavoring to release himself. His injuries were found to be bruises and he and Carter endeavored to extricate the other two men. However, it was impossible, and the car was turned over. The body of Mr. Clark was lying across Brooks, and the latter was partially stunned and considerably bruised. The body of the unfortunate man was taken to the Masonic hall, where it was prepared for burial.

William Mountcastle Clarke was born at Howell, Lincoln county, Tenn., on January 14, 1873, where he made his home until 24 years ago, when the family came west and settled in Texas. Later he came to El Paso, then to Morenci and Clifton, being employed in the latter place by the A. C. store as head of the grocery department.

He came to Duncan about eight years ago, when he established the business he was conducting at the time of his death. He was married at Fayetteville, Tenn., on June 21, 1904 to Miss Ellis McDaniel. Seven children being borne to them, three of whom having preceded him to the grave. The children surviving are Laura, William, McDaniel, Willis and Rachael. His mother and a sister, Miss Bessie Clark also survive him. His family was visiting at Fayetteville, Tenn., at the time of his death and were notified by wire, arriving here on Wednesday night.

Interment occurred on Thursday morning, services being held at the family home at 10 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. Wheeler, after which the local Masonic lodge took charge of the services and held their impressive ceremonies at the grave. A large number of friends of the family accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

Mr. Clark was well liked by all and during his residence in Duncan had won the friendship of everybody. He was prominent in Masonic circles, being worshipful master of the local lodge at the time of his death. His death removes from this community a man who was one of the leaders in local business circles and an honest and upright citizen. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Morenci Candidate Here—

D. L. Bouse, the insurance and real estate man of Morenci, was in Clifton Wednesday on business. While here Mr. Bouse left his announcement as a candidate for justice of the peace for Morenci precinct on the democratic ticket. Mr. Bouse has been a resident of Morenci for several years and is well known in that community where he will prove a formidable opponent in the race for justice of the peace in the fall primaries.

CLIFTON BOYS DRAW FIRST BLOOD SUNDAY

With a Score of 17 to 4 Clifton Trims the Hill City Boys in the First Game to be Played Between Morenci and Clifton.

Sunday afternoon proved to be a disastrous beginning for Morenci in the base ball field when the local boys trimmed them in the initial game with a score of 17 to 4 and triumphantly marched home with the scalp of the Hill Billies who had the temerity to challenge them to the conflict. Although one-sided the game was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd of fans, the Morenci supporters doing heroic work rooting for their home team and endeavoring to pull them through to victory. But a cruel fate decreed otherwise and the hard work of the Morenci players went by the board.

The features of the game were two home runs, one by Fowler of Morenci, and one by Riley, of Clifton. Clifton had five hits to her credit while Morenci had nine, with errors standing one for Clifton and four for Morenci. A little more team work on the part of both nines will add much to their efficiency as challengers for outside honors, although the Morenci infield showed up well and all they need is a good battery to make any team in the southwest sit up and take notice.

Eaton of Clifton looks mighty good to the fans and it is up to them to hold onto him. Jennings at third is a good hitter and a good all-round player. Lordsburg let a good one get away. On account of the enthusiasm over the home run hit of Riley the fans are now asking, "Riley, did your mother raise you to be a ball player?" Pete Azarte on short is a fast kid, while Charley Chaplin at first—well, we don't need Merkle at present. The Grimes brothers and Bennie in the outfield are fast enough for any copper league team in the southwest. It fell to McKenzie and A. Grimes to pull a pretty squeeze play in the second and get away with it.

The Sarah Bernhart of baseball, Pete Riley, made his farewell appearance at Morenci by making a home run on a bunt to the pitcher. It is understood that he will, however, be kept on the advisory board.

Clifton will have a new catcher this week and probably by the end of the month two new infielders will be added to the team. The baseball boys are doing their part in putting up good ball and it is now up to the fans to get out and root and boost for the team and Clifton will have one of the best teams in the state. All that is needed is a little encouragement. Clifton and Morenci will again cross bats on the Clifton diamond next Sunday at which time it is hoped that a good crowd will be present as the game promises to be closer and more interesting than the one of last Sunday. Turn out and help the boys do their best.

Among the fans who attended the game at Morenci were Dr. E. R. McPheeters, C. E. Tyler, Laurie Smith, Heine White.

Following is the line-up and score:

Clifton Batting Order:
Eaton Second Base
Jennings Third Base
Azarte Short Stop
L. Grimes Left Field
A. Grimes Right Field
Riley Catcher
Waldron First Base
Bennie Center Field
McKenzie Pitcher
Baron Pitcher
Culver Catcher

Morenci Batting Order:
Mason Catcher
Davis Pitcher
Tappin Pitcher
Shanley First Base
Crittenden Second Base
Porri Short Stop
Rogge Third Base
McLean Left Field
Evans Center Field
Maloy Right Field
Fowler Right Field
Umpire, William O'Brien.

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Clifton 17 5 6 1 1 6 4 1
Morenci 4 9 1 0 1 7 7 4

Six innings for Clifton. McKenzie and Riley. Three innings, Culver and Baron.

One inning for Morenci, Tappin and Mason. Eight innings, Davis and Mason.

Home run Clifton, Riley. Morenci, Fowler.

Caught from the grand stand: "Oh You Soldiers."

Oh Riley did your mother raise you to be a ball player? Oh you ripsnorting kid.

Morenci infield looks like class. Shanley on first; old Crit on second and Kid Porri on short; Rogge on third.

All Morenci needs now is a good battery to make any team in the southwest sit up and take notice.

Eaton of Clifton looks mighty good don't lose him.

Jennings at third, good hitter and a ball player (Lordsburg you let a good one get away.)

Regaining Health—

George Truesdel, who has been confined in the hospital for several months from a general breakdown in health, is able to be about town and greet his old friends.

EMPLOYEES MUST ABIDE BY THEIR AGREEMENT

This is Decision of Grievance Committee of District in Dealing With Strike This Week Called Without Authority.

The Arizona Copper Company, Ltd., was again the victim this week of ill advised action on the part of a group of employees at the Coronado mine, Humboldt mine and No. 6 Concentrator, in violation of the signed agreement between the mine managers and their employees in this district, when a strike was called without authority. This is the third time that the companies in the district have suffered loss and inconvenience by such hasty action on the part of some of the men taken without authority and against the express orders of the executive committee, as a result the agitators and leaders in this last strike have been discharged and the action taken by the mine officials has the approval and endorsement of the employees' grievance committee.

The trouble started at the Coronado mine on Saturday last when the morning shift showed up for work. It appears that on the previous afternoon a Mexican mucker, working in one of the stopes of the Coronado mine threw his tools down before the regular quitting time, and upon being asked by the shift boss why he did so he stated that he had done enough work for that shift. The other muckers in the stope followed his example. The shift boss took no action at the time, but reported the occurrence to Mr. Scott, the Superintendent, who sent a message to the mucker that he wished to speak to him before he went to work the next morning. On the following morning the Mexican was given his candles as usual but was told not to go into the mine until he had seen Superintendent Scott. The Mexican then began circulating among the men with the result that none would go into the mine unless the Mexican could go with them. As a result of the action of the men Superintendent Scott closed down the mine for that shift, with the exception of the mechanics who continued their work.

The night shift went on Saturday night, and Sunday the mine was closed as usual. On Monday work was again resumed but at quitting time in the afternoon three roustabouts belonging to the construction gang, two Mexicans and one Spaniard, were given their time on account of the fact that the job upon which they had been employed for several months was completed. One of the men laid off asked the boss if he could get him a job underground, and the construction boss explained that he had nothing to do with underground work, to which the man replied: "If I do not go to work in the morning none will work."

On Tuesday morning of this week when the morning shift reported for duty the three men who had been on construction work, demanded they be put to work too. As there was no job open for them the demand could not be met. The three men then demanded that three underground men who had been previously employed be discharged and they be given their places. This demand was also refused and the morning shift declared a strike on the spot.

General Manager Carmichael held an investigation with the grievance committee having control over the Coronado and it was decided to close the mine until such time as the men could be induced to abide by their agreement and submit their grievance to their own grievance committee for investigation before striking with the object of enforcing their demands.

Further investigation developed the fact that two of the men were responsible for the action of the men in going out on strike and they were discharged and the mine opened again on Friday morning of this week under these conditions, the men returning to work.

Meanwhile on Wednesday afternoon a similar occurrence happened at the Humboldt mine at Morenci on account of a man being discharged for cause on the night shift. When the succeeding shift showed up for work they demanded the immediate reinstatement of the man discharged before they would enter the mine, and in the face of the efforts of their grievance committee, who did everything possible to induce the men to abide by their agreement, and submit their case to them for adjustment, they sent a message to the Superintendent, giving him ten minutes to make up his mind as to whether he would comply with their demands. Upon their demand being refused they struck. A mob of two hundred and fifty then proceeded to No. 6 concentrator and closed it down. Later in the evening, largely through the efforts of J. L. Donnelly, Vice-President of the Arizona Federation of Labor, who made an appeal to the men to reconsider their hasty action, explaining to them that their conduct was out of order and that no support or sympathy could be expected if they persisted in their course and they finally agreed to return to work, after a three hours' night session, and the mines and mill were re-opened as usual the following morning, the case of the discharged employees to be handled in the usual manner.

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